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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are enclosed.

Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that references 1A-1F and 33-34 listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449

were cited in an International Search Report mailed September 29, 2000 for a counterpart

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PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is also enclosed herewith.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed.

Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68112-1 /RFT/RMS/BTC).

Respectfully submitted,

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